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MEMORANDUM FOR 3d ACR Families, Friends, and Troopers

SUBJECT: Deployment Requirement Update - 2

Troopers and Families of the 3d ACR, we wanted to address some concerns some of our family members have recently brought to our attention. As many of you already know, our training and deployment schedules were changed in recent months in a way that dramatically reduced the time available to us between our rotation to NTC - Ft Irwin and our deployment to Iraq. Unfortunately, the requirements to load our equipment and vehicles for movement and conduct pre-deployment readiness screening for our troopers have not changed and still require a great deal of time and effort to accomplish. Additionally the recent changes to the number of Troopers deploying that we discussed in the last update has complicated the entire process.

The bottom line is that this is a very busy and demanding time for our Regiment and to accomplish our mission we have to surge our efforts and, in many cases, spend more time at work. We understand how difficult this additional time away from families is, especially right before a deployment. Despite all these changes, we want you to know the guidance from the Regimental Command Group is protect our block leave period at all costs, but in order to do that it may mean longer than normal hours for the next couple of weeks, but rest assured that every Trooper will get a quality block leave with his family with no interruptions.

Please accept our gratitude for the hard work you and your troopers are doing now and will do in Iraq. Finally please know that it is our intent only to use the e-Army messaging system for important messages like this to keep our Troopers and Families informed. Thank you again for all that you do for our Regiment and our Army.

Respectfully.

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